If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

Salute of the week to 16 - year - old Ami Gaston, an honor student at Bryn Mawr High School, out on Melrose Ave. in far northwest Baltimore.

She is finishing her studies in three years. Already, she has a number of accomplishments and experiences under her belt.

For example: — she was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program and won a $1,000 scholarship.

She was named a Md. State Distinguished Scholar by the Md. State Scholarship Committee, and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

At Bryn Mawr, she edits the school magazine, serves as student representative to the school's board of trustees, and is active in student government association, the computer club and the French club.

Last summer, because of her high academic record, she was invited to attend the U.S. Military Academy's workshop at West Point, and at Phillip's Academy in Andover, Mass.

In 1981, she captured first prize in a statewide French contest, and won a trip to Paris.

Hats off to Ami Gaston!

Please continue nominations to this column's Hats Off section. We seek to identify our young people who are doing outstanding jobs and - or achieving well in school or on jobs.

Our rationale is that too many of us adults do not take time to notice young people except when they do poorly. Hats off!

More on Ami

Ami Gaston is the only black grad in this year's class at Bryn Mawr.

One of the oldest all - girl schools in the nation, Bryn Mawr was established in 1885.

Ami is the daughter of Mrs. Audrey Howard, a Baltimore attorney associated with her lawyer - husband, Charles A. Howard. Her father is Arthur Gaston 3rd, a Houston, Tex. attorney.

If the name Gaston strikes a familiar ring, you recognize it when we note Ami's paternal grandparents are the nationally known A. G. Gastons of Birmingham, Ala.

While she has not yet decided her career direction, and is leaning toward medicine or law, it would not be surprising if Ami settled on law, with so many lawyers in the family.

Cuff note: Ami's maternal uncle, Everett C. Lattimore, is mayor of Plainfield, N.J.

About people

More good news about Baltimore youngsters: Sidney A. Brooks is graduating from dental school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville next month.

He is the son of Audrey Smith Brooks, the Manpower Academic Advisor, and Nathaniel Brooks, the retired federal employee.

After graduation, young Brooks will return to the Army with rank of captain. His family includes wife, the former Marilyn Hughes, and youngsters, Sidney Jr., 5; and Wesley, 2.

A number of Baltimoreans had an opportunity to understand blizzard conditions further West. They were in Cleveland a week back for the playoff basketball game sponsored by the Old Timers, a nationally known men's group.

Among those there were, Gladys and Reds Dunaway, Lil and Ed Slater, Bootsie and Lonnie Seaberry, Gladys Wallace, Paul Edwards and Benny Hill, coach of the Baltimore team.

Cuff note: Cleveland defeated Washington, 110-90.

John and Camay Murphy are back from Santiago, Chile. They visited with his daughter, Sharon, and her hubby, Bill Smith. He's an engineer with an American firm based there.

Oops: — In this space last week, a line was dropped. Here is what the paragraph should have said.—

Charles (Granny) Hillen, the retired Social Security accountant, is hospitalized for tests, should be home by the time you read this.

Joseph Bush, the Minimum Wage Commissioner had foot surgery at Provident Hospital, hopes to be released this week.

Both Mr. Hillen and Mr. Bush are recuperating at home.

Thinking of you cards to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, (Jesola). He's the U.S. of Baltimore faculty member, whose father died April 9.

His dad was the president emeritus of Grambling University, 80 - year - old Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones. He was eulogized in the Louisiana town on Monday, (April 12).

Two weeks ago, the Joneses and other Baltimore family members were in the same area for her mother's funeral.

Action clergy

Ministers who gather for regular fellowship sessions provide an interesting forum and an insight into the activities of our town's clergy.

It was so on Tuesday afternoon at Grace Memorial Baptist in East Baltimore, when Clergy In Action held their luncheon meeting. Rev. Alfred V. C. Vaughan is pastor of host church and president of the group.

In addition to the announcements about upcoming religious events, the clergymen discussed strategies and issues affecting their congregations and the black community.

John Bland, director of the Alcoholism Control Administration with the Md. Department of Health and Mental Hygiene told of the need "to bring to a screeching halt" the number of our youth involved in alcohol abuse.

He cited statistics to support the claim that a large percentage of youth — even those in prisons — are victims of alcohol.

He suggested that while alcohol alone is not the basis for all evil in our society, there is a need for responsible people to have the will to do something to help families find a better existence.

Cuff note: Mr. Bland credited Del. Larry Young for supporting efforts of his agency to halt alcohol abuse.

Bland story

A number of ministers present indicated they were interested in the workshops available.

Community groups which would like to have forums conducted or share in seminars or simply help, can call Mr. Bland at 383-4081 or 383-6151, or write him at 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore Md. 21201.

Or better still, invite Mr. and Mrs. Bland to speak to your group. His story of his family's battle with alcoholism for two generations, and how he happened to enter the ministry and get involved in the alcohol battle, is a moving one.

More on Clergy In Action: They also took care of business. They heard details of new savings plans available at Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association from Advance president, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., who noted the association is now a full service bank.

Many of these clergy already save at Advance and - or have secured mortgages for their church properties.

Ministers discussed the importance of black people supporting black businesses, especially when they offer similar services.

Cuff note: Baptist clergy are planning an important workshop with national speakers, June 15, at the new Brown Memorial Baptist Church. They suggest you register early.

More people

Retired school principal, Samuel R. Owings Sr., is back in the hospital — at Sinai.

Members of the King's Landing Women's Service Club completed plans for their annual fundraiser when they met Wednesday with Rosie Sally.

Event is Sunday, May 2, 2 to 6, at Fontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie. Tab is $18 per.

Proceeds benefit a variety of charities. For ticket info, call Bettye Lindsay, president, 466-6147; or Gwen Clark, program chair at 768-6930; or ticket chair, Mary Smith, at 466-1914.

Washington chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity had an estimated 1,000 guests at their annual Easter Sunday evening party at Capitol Hilton. Bobby Felder played. Whew!!

Baltimore chapter of Northeasterners had champagne brunch Easter Sunday afternoon. Event attracted a cross - section of beautiful people out Timonium way.

It was good to see longtime educators like Miss Hermione Wharton, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Gertrude Cooper, all looking good.

Visitors

Among out - of - towners about, the Norwood Andersons, (Venora) of Philadelphia, guests of their cousin, Helen Lee. They're the Vet Administration procurement agent and insurance exec.

Father and Mrs. Donald O. Wilson, (Theda), had as their guests her sister and brother - in - law, Edith and Edwin Wells of E. Orange, N.J.

Here from Cincinnati, Ohio, Virginia and Bill Coffey, guests of their cousin, Virginia Richardson.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Coffey have been active in their Ohio town's civic and education circles.

At the Baltimore Links' "Afternoon of Pleasure" at the Hyatt on Monday, more beautiful people.

For example, Gloria Massie, the Bowie State College prof, looking good in an Easter bonnet of white and pink. She was here a week back for the Monumental City Friends' benefit sporting another becoming hat.

Also met a talented mother and daughter team, who were guests of Annapolis Link, Eloise Richardson.

They were, Dr. Ruth M. Laws of Dover, Del., an educational consultant, and her daughter, Dr. Cherritta Matthews, a speech pathologist.

More beautiful people spied at the Hyatt on Easter Sunday — members and friends of New Metropolitan Baptist, there to honor the pastor, Rev. Lawyer I. Swinson.

Mrs. Swinson topped her becoming gown with ostrich feathers. Lovely!

Dr. Stallings

Dr. Charles Stallings, 65, was eulogized on Thursday morning April 15, at Morgan Christian Center.

He was for many years an art professor at Morgan. The impressive mural on the wall at the college refectory — depicting the history of black people — is the work of Dr. Stallings.

What excitement there was watching him design that mural over 20 years ago! The late Dr. Martin Jenkins was Morgan president then. Remember?

Dr. Stallings' paintings and sculpture can be found at the Atlanta University Center, Corcoran Art Gallery and the Smithsonian in D.C., and here in Baltimore at the Peale and the Art Museum.

When Dr. Stallings retired in 1978, he was dean of faculty at Bowie State College, where he had gone after his long career at Morgan.

Survivors: His wife, the former Lucille Brown; sons, Charles W. Stallings Jrs., and Franklin; and a sister, Mrs. Girthola Porter of Kansas City.

Granny notes

Time flies. It seems only yesterday when the grandchildren were born.

But the early Easter morning call from Atlanta let us know today's infants grow fast. The voice was that of year - old Carl. He plainly said, "I love you, grandma." Honest!

And, before church, there was a visitor. Twenty - two - month old Shannon walked in the door asking for "Pop Pop."

She posed for his camera in "my pretty Easter dress."

Return to Morgan seminar

The Retention Committee of Morgan State University will sPonsor a two-day "Return to Morgan" session on Thursday, April 22, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The purpose of the "Return to Morgan Program" is to help students resolve those issues which prevented them from returning to the university this semester or previous semesters.

Free babysitting services will be provided. Students may choose to attend the April 22 or May 1 session. Both sessions will be held in Jenkins 104.

Discussion sessions on financial aid, academic and career counseling and course scheduling are planned. For more information about the "Return to Morgan" session, contact Dr. Russell Kelley at 44-3585 or Dr. Milford Jeremiah at 444-3376.

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Free Events for children

Monday, April 16

Northwood Branch: Jump Rope Rhyme Day for ages 6 to 12, 3:30 p.m.

Canton Center: Film — "Rodeo Red and the Runaway," 4 p.m.

Light Street Branch: Preschool story hour, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20

Light Street Branch: Film — "Mister Gimme," 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21

Waverly Branch: Films — "Private Eye Pooch," "Madeline and the Gypsies," and "Puss in Boots," 10:30 a.m.

Edmondson Avenue Branch: Film — "J.T.," 1 p.m.

Highlandtown Center: Films — "Five on Treasure Island" (Episodes 7 and 8) and "Dr. Seuss on the Loose," 2 p.m.

Northwood Branch: Magical feats performed by Chuck Bolinger of the All American Mini Circus, 2 p.m. Free tickets are available from Selma Levi, Children's Librarian: Films — "The Doughnuts" and "A Fable," 3:30 p.m.

Dundalk Avenue Branch: Films — "The World's Greatest Freak Show," "Winter of the Witch," and "Tap Dance Kid," 3:30 p.m.

Herring Run Branch: Films — "Why the Sun and the Moon Live in the Sky," "Winter of the Witch," "Tap Dance Kid," 3:30 p.m.

Walbrook Branch: Films — "The Seven Wishes of a Rich Kid" and "Maurice Sendak's Really Rosie Starring the Nutshell Kids," 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 22

Reisterstown Road Branch: Films — "The Red Balloon" and "The Five Chinese Brothers," 10:30 a.m.

Northwood Branch: Arts and crafts for ages 6 to 12, 3:300 p.m.

Preschool story hour, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 23

Patterson Park Branch: Films — "Brats" and "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," 3:15 p.m.

Brooklyn Branch: Film — "SPFX: The Making of 'The Empire Strikes Back'," 3:30 p.m.

Dundalk Avenue Branch: Films — "The Merry-go-round Horse," "Tappole Tale," and "Bremen Town Musicians," 3:30 p.m.

Waverly Branch: Films — "Model Car Maniacs" and "The nsom of Red Chief," 3:30 p.m.

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More than 700 at Links' 'Afternoon of Pleasure'

AT RAPT ATTENTION during the afternoon's activities are (L to R): Mrs. Alicia Thompson, Mrs. Peggy McKelpin and Mrs. Betty Johnson.

LINKS' NATIONAL AND AREA OFFICERS include (l to r): Janet Ballard, Richmond, Va.; Mignon Johnson, Arlington, Va.; Ruth Glenn, Baltimore; Evelyn S. Syphax, Arlington, Va.; Betty Obiajulu, New York City and Jacqueline Robinson, McLean, Va.

AFRO Photos by Roman Hankewycz

LINK MEMBER Cardrienne Griffin (C) strolls runway with Winkey model Frank Williams, both airing fabulous furs by James McQuay (the nation's only black furrier) during the 'Afternoon of Pleasure' hostedby the Baltimore chapter of the Links Inc., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Easter Monday, April 12, while Winkey model (R) airs evening wear.

By Patti Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

On sunny Easter Monday, April 12, the Baltimore Chapter of The Links Inc. hosted 'An Afternoon of Pleasure' at Charm City's newest hotel — the Hyatt Regency.

Nearly 800 Links, and their guests assembled at 12 noon to begin an afternoon filled to the brim with food, music camaraderie, art, entertainment, fashions and furs.

For guests' viewing pleasure there was art from the Tiefing Collection of Rufus Stevens and the Harrell Art Studio.

Featured also were fashions of the latest kind of a variety of moods — casual, afternoon, sporty, after - five and beachwear — aired dramatically by the Travis Winkey Modeling troupe, with Winkey moderating.

Also interesting was the dramatic excerpt from the Arena Players' production 'Porch' which featured Arena Players' dramatists Joan Corsey and June Thorne.

To guests delight there were many lovely door prizes given to those holding lucky ticket stubs. There were also table prizes which were won by guests who had a saucer with a lucky star underneath.

'The Piece - de - resistance' of the afternoon were those gorgeous furs — designed and made by the nation's only black furrier — James P. McQuay, of New York City.

Local links modeled his luscious fur creations which ranged from jackets to ponchos to full - length

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Elks' Antler Guard holds mid-year encampment here

AFRO Photos by Roman Hankewycz

ON PARADE during the National Mid-Year Encampment of the Antler Guard of the Improved, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOEW) held from Thursday, April 1 through Sunday, April 4 (parade Saturday, April 3) in Charm City are (left panel) sprightly majorettes, (middle panel) Antler Guard General Albert Blue of New York City leading his band and (right panel) member of the Knights of St. John representing the various Catholic churches of Maryland.

ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES during the Antler Guard Ball held in the main ballroom of the Holiday Inn Downtown Saturday evening, April 3 are (front row, L to R): Second Lt. Melvin Austin, Ms. Pat Haylock, Pat Daughter Ruler Patricia Ireland, Lt. Co. Shirley Hawkins. (Back row, L to R): Phil Allen, Chief Antler, of Washington, DC; Col. Simon C. Smith, training officer and Col. Mack Allen, Athletic Dept.

AT THE ANTLER GUARD BALL held at the Holiday Inn Downtown Saturday evening, April 3, are (L to R): Eastern Division commander, Lt. Gen. A. Lincoln Clark, Edgar C. Carvest Jr., Commanding General Antler Guard Dept. of the IBPOEW, of Macon, GA; Lt. Gen. Edward C. Wooden, commanding general of Maryland and host general for the encampment and Lt. Col. Laura M. Wilson, of Maryland, general co-chair for the encampment.

37TH ANNIVERSARY HONOREES — Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry, of this city, are pictured during the festive gala hosted for them by their children at Martin's West, Friday, April 9. The fete was in celebration of their 37 years of marriage.

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The National Mid - Year Encampment of the Antler Guard (military dept.) of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOEW) was hosted in Baltimore the weekend of April 1 through April 4.

The encampment, which attracted Antler guard officials and members from states across the nation was based at the Holiday Inn Downtown and began with registration and a session for the Antler Guard generals on Thursday during the day and a Hospitality Evening Thursday night held at the Pride of Baltimore Lodge at 628 Dolphin St.

Friday saw further registration and the opening of the Antler Guard sessions

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Partyline

Towson U. Alphas host benefit fundraiser

By Patti Hodges,
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Saturday, April 3 was a red letter day for the men of Mur Rho Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at Towson University.

It was the evening on which they hosted their Benefit Ball for the fraternity in order to raise money for the United Negro College Fund, the Urban League and the NAACP.

Held at Towson University's Union Building, (second floor) the affair featured performances by two jazz bands — The Interchange Band and the John Lamkin Jazz Ensemble, a disco with music by 'Gus,' a game room where brothers and their guests had great fun and a movie room, for those who wanted to sit in.

Special highlight of the evening was the Mu Rho Chapter brothers' presentation to their Angels with flowers and a plaque and saluted each young lady individually for her help and support to the chapter.

Chairing the Ball committee was Otha Spriggs. Mu Rho Chapter officers are Brothers Kenneth Green, president;

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